

# SILVERWINGS

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## Weather



### Today

High: 88, Low: 60  
Mostly Sunny



### Saturday

High: 87, Low: 60  
Partly cloudy



### Sunday

High: 85, Low: 59  
Mostly Sunny



### Monday

High: 84, Low: 59  
Partly cloudy

## News Briefs

### Airman's Attic Relocation

The Airman's Attic is currently under the process of relocating and will be temporarily closed. The Airmen's Attic is moving to the Services complex building, (across from the post office), and will have a grand reopening May 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prior to the reopening, if you have any items to donate or are in need of any assistance the Airmen's Attic provides please contact your First Sergeant.

### Assignment Night

Class 09-09 Assignment Night will be held at 5 p.m. May 1 at the Columbus Club.

### VPP Visit

The Voluntary Protection Program assessment team will be at Columbus AFB from April 27 to May 1. For more information on the VPP, please see last week's edition of Silverwings.

### Enlisted Promotions

The next enlisted promotions ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. April 30 at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 10

SUPT class 09-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## Aircrews, support staff work to wow crowds

### Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

At celebrations and events across the country, spectators watch as a formation of United States Air Force aircraft fly over head – whether it be one, two or the maximum of four aircraft in formation. What spectators do not see is the time and work involved in setting up the mere-seconds long display.

Work on the event begins weeks ahead when the organization makes contact and requests an aerial event, said Capt. Kory Einreinhofer, an instructor pilot with the 37th Flying Training Squadron and a veteran of five flyovers. Captain Einreinhofer and three other pilots recently participated in a flyover at Mississippi State University's Super Bulldog Weekend sporting event.

Once the event has the needed Air Staff approval, pilots begin laying the groundwork for their flight.

The pilots contact the event coordinator to confirm the requested flyover time and the direction of the flyover. Precise communication is required to ensure the flyover is in the correct direction over the precise location for the event.

The pilots use a computer-based mapping program to view



U. S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
**Capt. Kory Einreinhofer, instructor pilot with the 37th Flying Training Squadron, prepares for a flyover in support of MSU's Super Bulldog Weekend sporting event April 18.**

the area of the flyover and pick out prominent ground references that will be visible from the aircraft for use in their flight, he said. If the flyover location is too far from home station or it is requested during a time when the base is closed, a forward staging location for the aircraft will have to be researched and coordinated. They'll continue to plan out their flight as if it were any other type of mission.

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-03)	-1.11 days	-0.72 days	Jun. 4	48th (09-08)	1.00 days	-0.77 days	Apr. 24	49th (09-GB)	5.01 days	5.60 days	May 11	T-6	2,300	2,203	16,791
41st (10-02)	6.22 days	-2.67 days	May 13	50th (09-08)	1.00 days	3.21 days	Apr. 24					T-1	782	808	6,353
Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith, former Vietnam prisoner-of-war and 50th FTS/CC.												T-38	666	580	4,793
												IFF	169	203	1,672



# The Supreme Test of Courage

**Maj. John Stockwell**  
Chief, Wing Plans and Programs

General Lorenz, commander, Air Education and Training Command, has often mentioned his passion for reading the biographies of great leaders. Several years ago, I happened to pick up a biography of the British naval hero Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson, written over 100 years ago by distinguished U.S. Naval officer and brilliant author, Alfred Thayer Mahan. I was hooked. The subjects of great biographies are not the stuffy, primped and powdered historical figures you remember from history class, but truly incredible men and women who lived in often terrible times and managed to accomplish things that will be remembered for hundreds, maybe even thousands, of years.

Well-written biographies have the ability to immerse the reader in a historical setting to a degree that no other format can match. Expensive Hollywood productions can reproduce battles and other visually impressive scenes, but they can't delve into their subjects' thoughts and characters in the way a careful author can over the course of a few hundred pages. At the end of a good biography, you'll come away with a detailed understanding of the subject and of the time and culture in which they lived. Each and every biography you read will broaden your understanding of the world and its history. Even more importantly, you'll gain new insight into the dominant force in history and the one that hasn't changed since the dawn of time...human nature. Though people's dress and customs, tools and transports and methods of communication may change rapidly from one era to the next, the basics of human nature have always been and will always be the same.

The real gem that I took away from Nelson's biography, and the reason for this article's title, concerned the topic of courage.

Admiral Nelson is a particularly good example of physical courage in combat. The willingness to expose oneself to mortal danger in the service of one's country is itself a sign of great courage. Over the course of his thirty-four year naval career Nelson not only placed himself in great danger many times, but he also suffered several serious wounds. He permanently lost vision in one eye during a battle in 1794, had his right arm amputated after being shot just above the elbow in 1797, and was hit by wooden debris that left a large cut in his scalp and caused months of severe headaches in 1798. One might make the conclusion that Nelson's continued willingness to lead his men into battle even after experiencing these terrible wounds would be an example of the very truest definition of courage. The book's author, however, gives a far better definition of courage. He quotes one of Nelson's contemporaries who once said that the supreme test of a person's courage is responsibility.

Responsibility as the supreme test of a person's courage? That thought, presented early in the book, kept coming back to me as I read about Admiral Nelson's legendary accomplishments. Though it may not have the dramatic impact of a hail of bullets or the crash of cannonballs with their threat of mortal injuries, a person's willingness to accept responsibility is a much more important form of courage than bravery under fire. It is this "common courage", the willingness to accept and bear responsibility, that enables a person to fulfill an important role within an organization. In 1803, Admiral Nelson took on the responsibility of protecting England against a French invasion by taking command of Britain's Mediterranean fleet. His mission was to hunt down and destroy Napoleon Bonaparte's fleet, which the French would need to carry out their invasion plans.

When a supervisor here at Columbus asks for volunteers to

take on an important project, the young Airmen who raise their hands to volunteer are displaying the same type of courage that Nelson exhibited when he took on the responsibility of protecting England against Napoleon's fleet. The difference is only in the magnitude of the responsibility, not the quality of the courage required.

It will always be necessary for a few courageous individuals at the tip of the spear to place themselves in danger in the course of defending our great nation. Every day of the year, deployed members of the BLAZE Team are doing just that across the globe. Their courage in the face of physical danger is just the tip of the iceberg; the real measure of their courage lies in their having accepted responsibility for the mission they have deployed to accomplish. It is the willingness to fully commit to one's responsibilities and to take on new responsibilities as one's knowledge and skills grow that is the truest measure of courage and it should be cultivated within all Airmen. It should also be appreciated among one's supervisors and encouraged among peers and subordinates.

The success of our mission and our contribution to our nation's defense relies on each of us possessing the courage that enables us to accept and fulfill our responsibilities in our organizations.

For those who aren't familiar with Admiral Nelson's story, in 1805, he succeeded in chasing down and engaging Napoleon's fleet off Spain's Cape Trafalgar. He was mortally wounded in the ensuing battle, but lived long enough to know that his fleet had utterly destroyed the enemy, thereby ensuring England's safety from invasion. His dying words were "Thank God, I have done my duty."

The Columbus AFB Library has an entire wall of bookshelves full of wonderful biographies. No matter who you are or where you come from, you'll be able to find biographies that will amaze and inspire you.

# In the shadow of darkness

**Lt. Col. Gregory Laffitte**  
887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

CAMP BUCCA, Iraq — Rounding the bend in the river I could barely make out the bank as I slowly paddled my pirogue between fallen trees and stumps. The rain was coming down much harder now and the occasional flash of lightening would provide intermittent glimpses of what lay in my path.

The pirogue was a project my dad and I had made several years earlier and though she could glide through the water barely skimming the surface, I knew how easily she would tip over if she suddenly got lodged on a submerged log.

The Ochlockonee River, just west of Tallahassee, Fla., was known for being full of stumps and fallen trees providing ideal home for big catfish. I had fished there on many occasions and absolutely loved the feeling of isolation that this river had to offer.

Catfish are nocturnal creatures becoming more active at night just like many of the other wildlife that live deep in the swamps and marshes adjacent to the Ochlockonee River watershed. My plan was to search out a bend in the river which would have a deep hole and string a trot line from one of the low hanging willow branches across the bend.

There was no moon tonight so I had to depend on my senses and take extreme care to avoid an accident. I was out here for one purpose: to fill an ice chest with my limit of channel cats.

Under the cover of darkness, night time catfishing on the Ochlockonee River in North Florida can be a thrilling experience, but you must be careful and observant in order to have a successful trip.

For U.S. Airmen, the darkness of night in Iraq brings a different set of concerns. The experience gained as a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, or MRAP, turret gunner on a night-time combat patrol in Southern Iraq is one few of us can understand. What we do understand is the need for alertness and quiet observation.

Airman 1st Class William Logsdon from Vacaville, Calif., is one of the many Airmen who can tell you in great detail what it's like to roll out of a forward operating base under the cover of

darkness while perched alongside his M-240 machine gun in the turret of an MRAP.

This young man who had yet to attain the legal drinking age before participating in his first combat patrol has the responsibility for making sure his assigned sectors are covered. The crew is always ready for the unexpected.

The MRAP is a massive vehicle, yet fear of the unknown is the common denominator for these night-time warrior Airmen. In anticipation of an upcoming patrol, Airman Logsdon explained that he spends hours prepping his weapon system before a mission.

In fact he proudly explained that he can disassemble and reassemble his weapon in just under 60 seconds, providing the confidence that, if necessary, he could solve any malfunction in a stressful situation. Training is the key to success.

The combat patrol covers many miles of Iraqi highway and smaller intersecting roadways. Along these roadways are check points occupied by Iraqi army and Iraqi police personnel. Airman Logsdon said their work is paying off because he sees significant progress in how the Iraqi army and police are stepping up and taking charge of the security in their country.

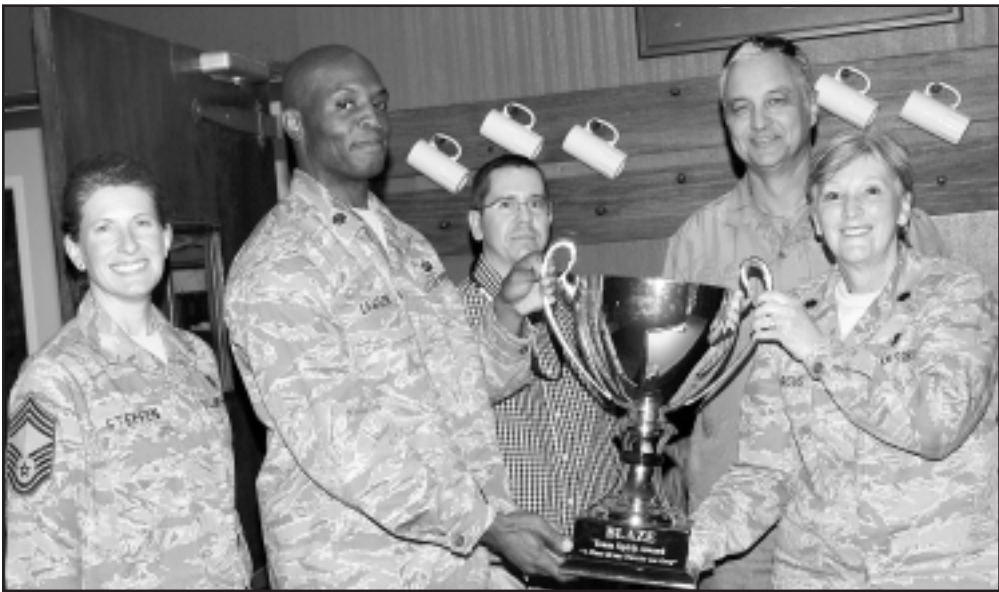
Driving between these checkpoints requires a diligent sense for maintaining 100 percent situational awareness.

Airman Logsdon accomplishes this through the use of night vision goggles which he says gives you a sense of being right out of the movies by illuminating an incredible expanse of desert terrain.

Warrior Airmen such as Airman Logsdon know all too well the threats they face on a daily basis yet they go about their daily duties with a sense of accomplishment and great pride in what they have done to assist the people of Iraq in their quest for peace and prosperity.

Yes, the emotion, danger and excitement of a night-time combat patrol in Southern Iraq makes a fishing or hunting trip back in the States seem like a walk in the park. But, for Airman Logsdon, a third-generation veteran, and a young man who can't wait to get home and relax at the lake with his first legal beer, its just another day at the office. Air Force junior enlisted Airmen own the night.

# Base families offered a variety of activities



U.S. Air Force photo/Pam Wickham

**Major Lawson, Comm Squadron Commander, relinquishes the Spirit Trophy to the Medical Group for having 100 percent participation at the Spirit Night Thursday night. The club membership drive ended Thursday and TSGT William Smiley, 14th FSS, won the \$500 VISA gift card, military retiree Henry Moseley and Lt. Marlo Peloquin each won a \$100 VISA gift card.**

**Summer day camp registration:** The youth center's school age program is taking registrations for summer day camp for school age children. A \$10 deposit is required for each week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based on total family income and all meals, entrance fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. There are limited spaces available. For more information, call 434-2504.

**Disney summer trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60-percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available but last payment must be made by June 19. For more information, call 434-2507.

**Club scholarship program:** Club members and their dependents are eligible to enter the essay contest for a chance to win one of the 25 \$1,000 club scholarships to be given away this year. Deadline for entries and applications is July 1 to the Force Support Squadron commander. Applications are available at the Columbus

Club and education center or at [www.afclubs.net](http://www.afclubs.net). For more information, call 434-2490.

**Memphis in May:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip May 16 to 17. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with four to a room. Cost includes transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

**British soccer:** The youth center is hosting a British soccer camp June 1 to 5. This program is open to ages 3 to 18. Register online at [www.caf-bservices.com](http://www.caf-bservices.com) and select the youth center page. Costs vary according to age and sessions. For more information, call 434-2504.

**Veterinary clinic open clinics:** The base veterinary clinic offers an open clinic for your pets annual checkups and rabies shots. Clinics are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon April 30. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 434-2281.

**Casino trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Philadelphia, Miss. to visit the Silver Star and Blue Moon Casinos the first Friday of every month. The next trip is May 1. The bus leaves at 6 p.m. from the BX parking

lot and leaves Philadelphia at 1 a.m. Coat is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in bonus bets. For more information, call 434-2505.

**Texas Holdem tournament:** The Columbus Club offers this program starting at 6 p.m. May 9. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Register by noon, May 8 at the Columbus Club. Late sign ups will be placed on a waiting list. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and the games begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2490.

**Crafts fair and sidewalk sale:** The arts and crafts center will host a craft fair and sidewalk sale in front of their building from 8 a.m. to noon May 8. Parents can shop our inventory of moldings, frames, T-shirts, plaques, craft samples and more while youth will enjoy face painting, kids crafts and games. A new kids craft will be offered every half hour. For more information, call 434-7836.

**Home Decor Workshop:** The arts and crafts center offers this workshop starting at 5:30 p.m. May 8 to make a large patriotic bear entry stand. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. A display of the project can be viewed in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. Register no later than May 4 for this workshop. For more information, call 434-7836.

**Tickets available:** The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

**Pre-Mothers' Day bingo:** The youth center offers this program at 6 p.m. May 8 for youth. They will play six games plus a blackout game. Register by May 6 at the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

**Mothers Day brunch:** The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10. Cost is \$17.95 for club members and \$19.95 for nonmembers. Reservations are required by May 4. Menu items include: Bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, French toast styx with warm syrup, grits, hash browns, sliced ham, London Broil au jus, prime rib carving station, creamy mashed potatoes and gravy, garden wild rice, marinated green beans, omelet bar and waffle station, stir fry station, assorted rolls, cakes, pies, cheesecake and fruit. For more information, call 434-2490.

**Missoula Children's Theater:** The youth center offers this free theatrical arts program for Grades 1 to 12 June 8 to 13. Auditions will be June 8 at Kaye Auditorium. This year's performance will be "Robinson Crusoe" and held at 3 p.m. June. 13. Up to fifty youth will be needed for the performance. For more information or to register, contact the youth center at 434- 2504.

**Self help car wash:** There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call 434-7842.

**Massage therapy:** The fitness center offers massage therapy by appointment only. Cost is \$30 for 30-minutes, \$50 for 60-minutes and \$75 for 90-minutes. For more information or to make an appointment, call 251-3058.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Columbus Club

### Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water  
\$6.25 for club members  
\$7.25 for nonmembers

### Menu for April 29: Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Grilled Pork Chop, Chili topped with Corn Chips

### Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Green Beans and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

### Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef and Cheese in a Flour Tortilla Wrap Served with French Fries and a Pickle Spear

### Desserts:

\$2.95 each  
New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping  
Brownie Ala Mode  
Sugar Free Coconut Cream Pie



# Air Force officials modernize mentoring program

**Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — As Air Force officials continue to modernize the processes to meet 21st century mission requirements, manpower and personnel force development officials have taken a hard look at the service's mentoring program to increase its effectiveness.

“Our mentoring program has existed on paper for many years, but without the right tools to exercise the program, it has remained dormant,” said Col. Harrison Smith, deputy director of force development. “With the advent of deliberate force development, the need for focused mentoring has reemerged.”

The revised Air Force Instruction 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring, will include the Air Force mentoring program's goals and benefits, expectations of the mentor and mentee and an electronic development tool that enlisted, officer and civilian members can use.

“My Enlisted Development Plan” provides a modern, web-based approach for enlisted Airmen to manage their career development. Available via the Air Force Portal, MyEDP is a “one-stop-shopping” electronic toolkit that enables Airmen to designate their mentor or mentee, collaborate with peers, and track their professional career progression. Air Force officials plan to roll out the officer and civilian versions of this program by fall 2009.

“We believe this is the right time to emphasize MyEDP, a product that more than 145,000 Airmen have already put to use,” Colonel Smith said. “Here we are adapting to an emerging new generation of 'millennial' Airmen and leveraging new technology to meet our Air Force needs.”

Chief Master Sgt. Angela Marsh, Air Force enlisted force development chief, said MyEDP allows members to grant mentoring privileges to mentors they designate.

“A mentor can access the mentee's MyEDP career information, providing a great starting point for a mentor to share knowledge, experience, and guidance, based on current, relevant career input from the Airman,” the chief said.

MyEDP features discussion forums that are especially popular with junior enlisted Airmen

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and NCOs, and an avenue for peer-to-peer mentoring to occur. Forum topics range from uniform wear to assignment information to advice on mitigating conflict with supervisors.

“The forums allow enlisted Airmen to communicate with both their peers and more experienced enlisted personnel, all over the Air Force,” Chief Marsh said. “I often see command chiefs, first sergeants and other senior non-commissioned officers participating in the forums, answering questions and offering advice based on their experiences.”

A 2008 Air Force Audit Agency survey found 44 percent of Airmen were not aware the Air Force had a mentoring program, and 54 percent said they had been neither a mentor nor a mentee. However, one senior enlisted Airman said the statistics do not accurately reflect the significant informal examples of daily mentorship.

“In my Air Force experience, you're being mentored every day,” said Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, a reservist and former command chief of the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. “Whether asking about family, asking about promotion and educational goals or offering advice for a range of life issues, that's mentoring, and most of us do it daily on some level.”

According to the January 2008 White Paper “On Learning: The Future of Air Education and Training,” continuous learning focuses on the development of Airmen from before accession through retirement or separation and beyond. The concept fits into the “continuum of learning” and views profession-

al growth as a continuous, life-long process of training, education, and experiential learning with a specific outcome: the development of Airmen who can individually recognize the right skills, knowledge and aptitude they need to accomplish assigned tasks and missions.

Chief Hickman said the concept resonates with her. Despite plans to retire in the near future, she said she still relies on the mentors who have inspired her since the beginning of her career nearly 30 years ago.

“I have mentored many Airmen and yet I just talked to one of my own mentors today,” she said. “You can mentor and be mentored at any point in your career; I just don't have a piece of paper that says ‘I am your mentor.’”

Air Force officials recognize today's Airman is less inclined to paperwork and much more tech savvy than in years' past. Many are more comfortable using technology to communicate and share information versus having face-to-face conversations.

“While we don't want to replace face-to-face interaction, we do see online tools such as MyEDP as a way to facilitate and enhance the mentoring process,” Chief Marsh said. “It comes as no surprise that MyEDP's most popular features include online mentoring capabilities and discussion forums.”

Current policy states that “commanders are responsible for promoting a robust mentoring program within their unit” and an Airman's immediate supervisor or rater is “designated as the primary mentor for each of his or her subordinates.”

Some Airmen have said, however, that using their supervisors in an official capacity feels too much like a performance feedback session and certain situations might call for a different perspective from which to seek advice.

“I don't know everything, but neither does any one person,” said reservist Senior Airman Amber Peterson, a 459th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron medical technician, who counts Chief Hickman among her informal mentors. “So I seek someone who I think would give wise advice and I make that determination by watching their actions, how they conduct themselves. I may not go to my direct supervisor for guidance every time.”

Colonel Smith said the Air Force recog-

nizes some Airmen may rely on a number of sources for mentoring in their personal and professional lives.

“The underlying tools such as MyEDP (enlisted), MyODP (officer), and MyCDP (civilian) will empower them to seek mentorship at various levels, leadership or peer-to-peer,” Colonel Smith said. “However, it's just as important to ensure local leadership and their subordinates are prepared for face-to-face mentoring.”

To facilitate this process, manpower and personnel officials released Air Force-wide transitional guidance outlining mentor and mentee expectations and goals.

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Weaver, an independent duty medical technician with the 28th Medical Operations Squadron at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., said she believes mentoring is not rank-specific. Once an inexperienced mentee, the NCO with six years in the Air Force now finds herself just as often dispensing advice to budding NCOs.

“Anyone can be a mentor,” Sergeant Weaver said. “My mentees can come to me about anything, just like I can go to my mentors about anything. The 28th Medical Group is big on the Airman concept and our leaders have strongly encouraged all of us to sign up with MyEDP.”

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley said he wants to ensure people understand what mentoring is and how it can be most effectively used.

“Mentoring is about setting the right example all the time and making the Air Force Core Values part of your daily life,” Chief McKinley said. “The mentoring relationship is not always a formal one. Many times Airmen look toward someone who is doing the right things and say, ‘That is who I want to be like.’”

The chief continued that all Air Force members need to be aware that at any time or place other Airmen may be watching, listening and learning behavior they see.

“When we do get a chance to sit down one-on-one with an Airman, we as leaders and future leaders should take full advantage of that and share whatever we have learned throughout our career.”

# NEWS

## JAG Airman provides unique service while deployed

**Staff Sgt. Tim Beckham**  
U.S. Air Forces Central, Baghdad  
Media Outreach Team

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Many Air Force attorneys spend their days providing legal counsel and preparing legal documents, but for one Air Force captain being deployed means serving in a one of a kind legal position.

Capt. Sophia Crawford, detention, judicial and legal policy attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Multi-National Force-Iraq, provides a service that she would never get to do outside the country of Iraq. She is the U.S. legal representative providing feedback on how the Iraq detention facilities are performing with regard to legal issues.

“I specifically work in detention operations, so everything that has to do with a detainee or anything potentially relating to a detainee is what I do,” said Captain Crawford, who is deployed from Maxwell Air Force Base's Gunter Annex, Ala.

“This could range from detainee deaths to detainee imagery. We also deal with interrogation procedures and provide legal reviews and advice to the MNF-I commanding

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She said working in the area of responsibility is a singular experience because she has to work from three different sides of the law.

“Just learning all the law has been a challenge, I mean we must have the appropriate authority to detain someone and authority to question someone, which has changed dramatically since the implementation of the security agreement post 1 Jan. 2009,” she said.

“It's a big realm of law, not only do we use United States law, but we use international law and abide by Iraqi law,” said the Dallas native. “We have to coordinate and make

sure we operate within all three, it's a lot of coordination with Iraq.”

Air Force attorneys are compelled to view cases objectively and doing what is in the best interest of the United States.

“I am a JAG who represents the United States and it's my job to advocate for the commander. I'm also a prosecutor and it's my responsibility to make sure people are operating within the law,” she said.

“No matter who you are, you have to realize that detainees have rights,” Captain Crawford said.

The 30-person MNF-I legal team is a total force concept with Reserve and active-duty attorneys ranging from captains to colonels in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and even the Australian army.

“Air Force captains usually don't get to practice law in the AOR, it is a great opportunity to learn the different terms and practices they (co-workers) use,” said Captain Crawford.

“I have just learned so much, I am the junior ranking officer, so everyone is a mentor to me. It has been a great experience from the officer standpoint as well as a JAG,” she said.

## Air Force officials emphasize bystander intervention

**Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Airmen have the power to stop sexual assaults.

The Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office staff is leading the effort to empower Airmen with this concept.

The key to that empowerment is bystander intervention. If Airmen witness a situation that could lead to an assault, they have an obligation to intervene and help prevent the crime, said Carl Buchanan, the program manager.

To do this, the staff members at the SAPR office have developed bystander intervention education modules for women, men and leaders that provide an opportunity to practice the necessary skills to protect themselves and others from sexual assault, Mr. Buchanan said.

Airmen will be trained in bystander intervention techniques, which differ based on gender. In addition, there is training specific for leaders, Mr. Buchanan said.

“The goal of the bystander intervention training is to empower our Airmen to effectively prevent sexual assaults against their fellow wingmen by providing a learning environment in which they can practice and become

confident using intervention skills,” he said.

Mr. Buchanan recently briefed at a national-level conference, hosted by the Washington, D.C.-based organization Men Can Stop Rape, Inc., about the design and development of the bystander intervention education modules, which were developed by some of the nation's leading experts in sexual assault prevention and response.


The staff at the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office also provided a presentation on the department's overarching prevention strategy.

As an overview of the educational modules, Mr. Buchanan shared the Air Force's approach to training sessions:

- Recognize situations that may lead to sexual assault
- Offer an array of available intervention strategies and an opportunity to practice them
- Offer bystander intervention techniques

After receiving the training, Airmen will be better equipped with available strategies to protect themselves and their wingmen, Mr. Buchanan said.

Visit the new Web site for victim assistance, schedules of events and activities throughout the year as well as training tools and materials.



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It's vital you know the difference!

Unrestricted	Restricted	Independent
Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately.	Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified.	A third party tells OSI or law enforcement and an investigation is launched. Can occur with a restricted report.

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Office: (662) 434-2575 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 356-0811 24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822.

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.  
I am a Warrior.  
I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage.  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.  
Guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.  
Wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave an Airman behind,  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.



Base News

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Major select promotion party

There will be a major select promotion party at 3:30 p.m. May 1at The Columbus Club. Food, drink and entertainment will be provided all night compliments of the major selects and the lieutenant colonel select.

Stop by and enjoy free refreshments and Class 09-09 assignment night.

Drug Education for Youth

The DEFY program promotes team building, goal setting, substance abuse, resistance skills and increases self-confidence for youth. This is a free program for dependents of active duty members, DOD civilians, retirees and contract employees' ages 9 to 12 years old. DEFY Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 17-26 and will be held at the Columbus AFB Chapel Annex. Applications are available at the Chapel, Youth Center and Drug Demand Testing Office, located in the 14th Medical Group building. Deadline for application is May 30. For more information please call 434-2353 or 434-2133.

Magnet School Lotteries soon

This fall, the Columbus Municipal School District will begin the second year of magnet schools; and as in last year, in order to be assigned to the theme of choice, parents and students must enter the lottery. School choice forms are available via several methods; they will be sent home with current CMSD students, at the CMSD Central Services Office on McArthur Drive, or at the CAFB School Liaison Office located in building 730, room 202A. CMSD officials urge parents to get their children signed up for the lottery early to ensure their children are placed in their first choice. In the past, upwards of 97 percent of students receive their first choice. The deadline for submitting lottery applications is today at 4 p.m. The lottery for the 2009-10 school year will be conducted on April 17th. Additional information is available on the CMSD Website at [www.columbuscityschools.org](http://www.columbuscityschools.org) or you may contact the CAFB School Liaison at 434-2792.

Mississippi State University summer camps

Mississippi State University offers a wide variety of Summer Camps and Workshops for

our young folks. The areas include: Soccer, Natural Resources, Transportation Institute, and Women in Action; other areas are being considered and will be added as they are approved. Several of the activities are Residential Camps and many are Day Camps. For a complete rundown, view the MSU 2009 Summer Camp website at: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/camp-listings.php> or contact the School Liaison at 434-2792.

DAPS Hours change

Effective immediately the Columbus AFB DAPS will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lifeguard summer hire requirements

Columbus Air Force Base is currently soliciting applicants to be life guards at the base pool for this summer. To qualify, applicant s must meet the criteria below and be a full time student:

1. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized lifeguard certification covering lifesaving and water rescue methods, skills, and procedures.
2. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized basic first aid certification.
3. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized CPR certification which includes adult, child, and infant procedures.
4. Position requires pre-employment screening for swimming ability, rescue skills and CPR skills.

If you would like to apply, please contact Mr. Ben Brock at 434-2635 or Mr. Roy Wood at 434-2650 and they will be happy to assist you.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Contemporary Movie Showings

Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available.

Schedule as follows:  
Sense and Sensibility: April 30

Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

Children's culinary arts camp

The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute presents Culinary Camp for Kids starting June 1. In the professional setting of MUW's Culinary Arts Institute, your child will have the opportunity to learn and explore the wonderful world of foods through demonstration, lectures, and hands-on work in their kitchen. Classes commence on 1 June

and continue throughout the month of June. For more information call: 241-7472.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Thrft Shop

The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at [slo@columbus.af.mil](mailto:slo@columbus.af.mil).

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

Testing Hours

The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

SARC DVDs

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator,



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Vernon Young  
**Air Force Honor Guard drill team members sign autographs for retired Chief Master Sgt. Grant Williams Sr. during Hampton Roads Air Force Week's Honoring America's Veterans ceremony April 20 in Hampton, Va..Chief Williams is a Tuskegee Airman who served during World War II.**

## President nominates next AF surgeon general

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has nominated Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Charles Bruce Green to become the next Air Force surgeon general.

General Green is currently the Air Force's deputy surgeon general, a position he has held since August 2006. Pending approval by the Senate, General Green would become the Air Force's 20th surgeon general and replace Lt. Gen. (Dr.) James G. Roudebush, who is retiring.

General Green was commissioned through the Health Professions Scholarship Program and entered active duty in 1978 after completing his Doctorate of Medicine degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

He completed residency training in family practice at Eglin Regional Hospital, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in 1981, and in aerospace medicine at Brooks AFB, Texas, in 1989. He is

board certified in aerospace medicine.

An expert in disaster relief operations, he planned and led humanitarian relief efforts in the Philippines after the Baguio earthquake in 1990, and in support of Operation Fiery Vigil following the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

General Green has served as commander of three hospitals and Wilford Hall Medical Center. As command surgeon for three major commands, he planned joint medical response for operations Desert Thunder and Desert Fox, and oversaw aeromedical evacuation for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as assistant surgeon general for health care operations.

He also holds a rating of chief flight surgeon with a total of 1,200 hours in 16 different aircraft.

## Airmen honor America's veterans during Air Force Week

**Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern**  
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

HAMPTON, Va. — Air Force officials honored America's veterans during a Hampton Roads Air Force Week ceremony April 20 at the Boo Williams Sportsplex arena here.

Officials from Langley Air Force Base, Va., recognized all veterans from all of America's wars and displayed some of the professionalism and precision of today's Airmen with performances by the Air Force Honor Guard drill team and the Air Force Band.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor, the guest speaker, shared his thoughts for those who served and for those who continue to serve in the U.S. military.

"The big difference I see in the world today is how we define our heroes," said the fifth chief master sergeant of the Air Force. "Some people think that a hero is some guy who can dunk a basketball or throw a fast ball at 93 mph and pitch a no-hitter. Those are highly skilled athletes.

"Heroes in my book are those who put on the uniform and respond to the call," he said, "and go do what they're asked to do; not for the glory and the thanks but because they took an oath. Every so often, we need to stop and reflect on what has made (America) so great and salute the veterans. Most veterans appreciate it. They don't need a lot of praise, but they like it."

Chief Gaylor hits the road frequently, delivering speeches to Air Force bases around the country. He visited Airmen and 35 bases in 2008, and he said he is delighted to meet Airmen serving today.

"The Airmen of today are highly trained, motivated and skilled," he said. "I'm very impressed at what they do."

Before the chief's discussion, the audience of approximately 300 witnessed a simultaneous performance of the Air Force band "Max Impact" and the Air Force Honor Guard drill team.

"The event was very awesome, I'm very honored to be here with such a group," said

retired Lt. Col. Francis Horne, an 87 year-old Tuskegee Airman. "I wouldn't have missed it even if they had to bring me out here on a stretcher."

Colonel Horne and three other Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American servicemembers who served with distinction during World War II, and other veterans from past wars were recognized by the crowd with a standing ovation.

"It feels good," said retired Master Sgt. Harry Quinton, also a Tuskegee Airman who served in the 477th Bombardment Group. "I never thought 65 years ago that we would be recognized to such a great extent. It makes us feel good."

After the ceremony, Airmen serving today met, talked to and thanked the Tuskegee Airmen and other veterans.

"Seeing these guys, they trail blazed the way for me. I get a really strong emotional feeling when I see them," said Staff Sgt. Rico Stowers, a 1st Security Forces Squadron Airman from Langley AFB.

Chief Gaylor also mingled with the Tuskegee Airmen, and then took time to personally greet many current servicemembers.

"I've known Chief Gaylor for many years," said Senior Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, the first sergeant for the 1st Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Langley AFB. "He is a dramatic speaker with rich history. He delivers his speeches in a way that young people can appreciate."

Chief Gaylor later hugged and congratulated Sergeant Fry for receiving a line number for promotion to chief master sergeant.

Long after the ceremony, Chief Gaylor continued to spread words of motivation to Airmen.

"There's a great drill command: Continue the march. I would say to the Air Force today, 'Continue the march.' Whatever it is you're doing, keep doing it. You're doing it well. You're serving. You're dedicated. You're motivated. Continue the march. Continue serving our great nation."

"Right now the world is in a bit of turmoil," he said. "I think with our diligence we can work it out. We always have."



located at the Health and Wellness Center entrance of the Fitness Center, has two very educational and school-aged appropriate DVD's available to sign-out and to view with children. Two copies of each DVD will also be available at the Base Library and one copy will be available at the Youth Services. The DVDs are: The Safe Side: Stranger Safety and Internet Safety presented by John Walsh and Julie Clark. Our motto is "Not One More." Let's educate and keep our children safe.

## Anti-terrorism Training

Personnel and their families that are traveling on unofficial business outside the continental United States can receive anti-terrorism level one training from Master Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism Officer. For more information, call him at 434-1260.

## MGIB and ROTC

ROTC detachments often fail to provide information to graduates about the Montgomery GI Bill. If this is the case, please come by the Education Office in Building 916 or call them at 434-2562 for MGIB counseling.

## Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45 p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

## Airman's Roll Call

The Air Force puts out a weekly publication call the Airman's Roll Call. The Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between

supervisors and their teams. To view the Airman's Roll Call, visit [www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/](http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/).

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

## Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn will be today from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and come listen to a discussion on supporting children in divorce.

## TAP Workshop

A transition assistance program workshop will be held May 5-7 starting at 7:30 a.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. Please call 434-2790 if you have any questions. If you planning to separate within the next 12 months or retire within 24 months, you should attend this workshop.

## Hearts Apart Social

There will be a Hearts Apart social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 28. Information, refreshments, and prizes will be available. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

## Bundles of Joy

Bundles of Joy will be held 1 to 3:30 p.m. April 29 and is open to active duty military and/or spouses assigned to CAFB who are preg-

nant or have a child up to 4 months of age. Info speakers on finances, labor and delivery and infant care will be available. An AFAS program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$65 for ADAF. Advance registration required. Call 434-2855.

## Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

## Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

## Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

## Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

## AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

## Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

## Spouse Welcome

A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

## AFRC Calendar

Would you like to receive e-mails in your home of up-to-date information on events being held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center? Sign up for Airman and Family Readiness Center electronic calendar. To sign up, send an e-mail to [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) and ask to be added to the list. This calendar provides great information on things happening at your Airman & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 434-2631.

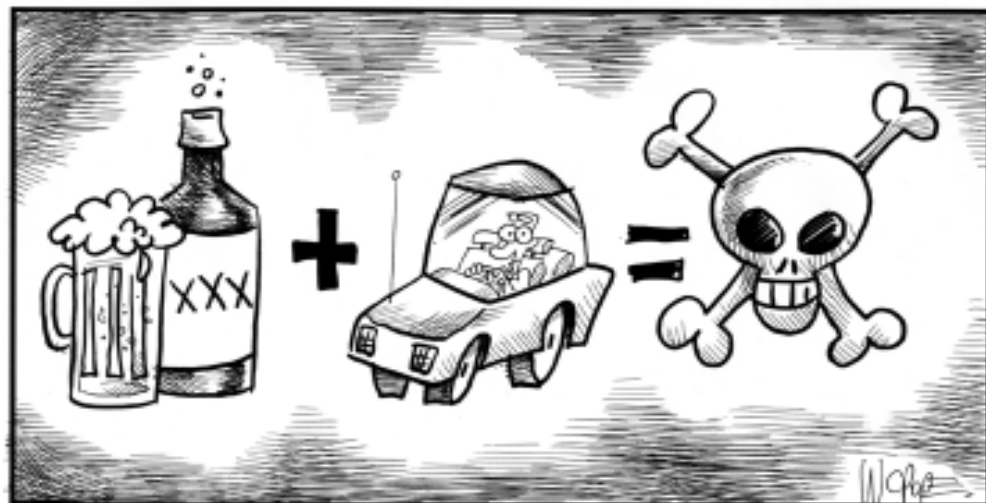
## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)  
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

### Catholic

Thursday:  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice  
Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass





**For Sale:** 1999 Ford Mustang GT, V8, auto, PB, PS, A/C, AM-FM Stereo w/Cassette & CD. Black with gray leather interior. 45,200 miles. Excellent condition. \$9,900. 662-327-1410 or 662-386-6513

**For sale:** 2005 Monarch SE Motor Home by Monaco—Class A, 30', 2 slides, auto leveling, 11,250 miles, 5,000 watt generator, Ford V10 gas engine, fully self contained, TV, transferable extended warranty, tow

“He lost his family to the Nazis and later managed to survive his own ordeal in a con-



# Lightning strikes a need for renter's insurance

**Trisha Gallaway**  
437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** — Live in base housing and don't have renter's insurance? For one base couple, renter's insurance may be their only hope to recover what they've lost.

The home of 1st Lt. Richard and Rachel Kerr caught fire April 20 after lightning struck their base housing unit during a severe thunderstorm. Lieutenant Kerr is a pilot with the 16th Airlift Squadron here and currently is deployed with the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Southwest Asia.

Ms. Kerr had just returned home from the gym when she noticed burn marks near the doorbell but didn't smell smoke or see any flames.

"I didn't even know the house was on fire

until the alarms started going off," she said. "My neighbors across the street knew before I did."

While the base fire department was able to contain the flames to home's carport and attic, many of the Kerr's personal belongings were lost due to water damage.

"There is mostly water damage to our entertainment center, couches and tables," Ms. Kerr said. Luckily the Kerr's have renter's insurance.

Officials at one national insurance company estimate the average renter owns more than \$20,000 worth of personal belongings.

It's important to know that renter's insurance has both liability coverage and personal property coverage, said Ms. Kerr.

"My insurance agent recommended having between \$30,000 to \$50,000 of personal property insurance," she said.

Insurance agents say renter's insurance is

there to protect personal belongings in case a landlord won't cover the items lost from natural causes or theft.

Renter's insurance will cover items ranging from furniture and appliances to military uniforms and jewelry.

Since the fire, Ms. Kerr has been staying with her friend and neighbor, MaryEllen Crawford, whose husband, 1st Lt. Mark Crawford, also is a pilot with the 16 AS.

"The people here in base housing have been amazing," said Ms. Kerr. "Everyone has taken great care of me."

Once the fire was extinguished and it was cleared for her to go back inside, she was able to start the process of moving what wasn't damaged, out of her home.

"As soon as I could get into the house I did," she said.

Fortunately none of the Kerr's important information was destroyed by the fire or

water damage.

"We have a fire box that is full of our important information, power of attorney, passports, marriage license, stuff like that," she said.

Officials in the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron have helped Ms. Kerr take the first step in recovering from the fire.

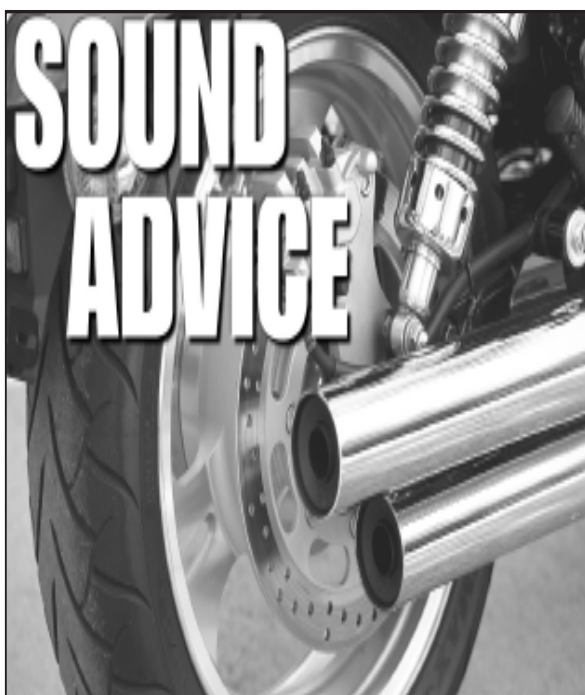
"We've already assigned her to a new unit two houses down," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Todd, 437 CES commander.

Though recovering from the fire will take awhile, Ms. Kerr is trying to keep an optimistic attitude and hopes what has happened to her helps other families be more prepared for an event like this.

"I really encourage people to get the personal property insurance," she said.

Mrs. Crawford echoed those sentiments.

"It's important to check your policy and talk to an agent," she said.



Not everyone enjoys the sound of loud pipes. Be considerate of others, especially in quiet neighborhoods and at night. Then we can hear all the good things people say about the sport.



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## BLAZE Team Airmen prepare for combat



BLAZE Team Airmen participate in a convoy exercise April 15 as part of Combat Readiness Training. The training was conducted to help prepare the Airmen for their upcoming deployments.

U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens



# Track Select

2Lt. Brown, Christopher R.  
2Lt. Brown, Jonathan T.  
2Lt. Cerat, William M.  
2Lt. Curry, Christopher E.  
2Lt. Davis, John A.  
2Lt. Diroff, James A.  
2Lt. Harvey, Travis C.  
2Lt. Henrichsen, Lars Kristian  
2Lt. Kyzar, Ryan R.  
2Lt. Lawrence, Andrew J.  
2Lt. Lessani, David D.

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2Lt. McCabe, Audrey C.  
2Lt. Miller, David J.  
2Lt. Mixdorf, Scott L.  
Capt. Pesta, Brian L.  
2Lt. Plasterer, Thomas A.  
2Lt. Reese, Michael J.  
2Lt. Reynolds, Corey A.  
2Lt. Robinson, Peter M.  
2Lt. Stover, Christopher S.  
2Lt. Welch, Elizabeth A.  
2Lt. Wendler, John Ross

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## T-37 Top Guns

**Contact:** 2Lt. Brown, Jonathan T  
**Instrument:** 2Lt. Mixdorf, Scott L.  
**Formation:** 2Lt. Brown, Christopher R.

## Leverette Award

2Lt. Brown, Christopher R.

10-01

The Air Force  
Sergeant's  
Association will  
be hosting a  
four-person  
scramble golf  
tournament on  
May 8 at  
12 p.m.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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time, 55  
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Remember to support the  
Airmen and their families while  
they are away.



## FLYOVER

(Continued from Page 1)

He said a flight that takes  
less than ten seconds can  
take up to ten hours of plan-  
ning to execute.

Once the pilots and  
ground liaison are selected,  
Public Affairs coordinates  
with the flying unit to get  
the names and hometowns  
of the participating crews.  
PA then blends that in to a  
10 second statement for the  
event narrator highlighting  
the Air Force and its  
Airmen.

On the day of the event  
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precisely measured distance  
from the flyover location,  
but out of visual sight of the  
event participants. A ground  
controller, in radio contact  
with the orbiting aircraft,  
stands by at the event, radio-  
ing any changes in the pro-  
gram timing along with the  
pre-coordinated start signal  
to the crew.

"If anything changes, it  
can sometimes require quick  
math to figure out when we  
need to go." Captain



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
**Two Air Force T-6A Texan II's fly over the Mississippi State University Super Bulldog Weekend sporting event April 18. The flyover lasted around ten seconds but took over ten hours of planning.**

Einreinhofer said. "There  
are a lot of variables that can  
change. But any changes  
will be transparent to the  
people on the ground." The  
captain said he enjoys doing  
flyovers and attending the  
events after he lands.

"Buzzing 1000' over the  
crowds ... it's just cool do  
to," he said. "After the fly-  
over, I really enjoyed attend-  
ing the Mississippi State  
game afterwards and hearing  
all the people talk about the  
flyover. It's a really rewarding  
feeling."

The captain said flyovers  
provide America with a gen-  
tle reminder of its airpower.  
In addition, flyovers also  
provide valuable training for  
the pilots flying the mission.

"Whether you're flying  
over a crowd, preparing to  
airdrop supplies or putting  
weapons on target, you have  
to be at a specific place at a  
specific time," he said.  
"People are counting on its  
Air Force and this gives us  
practical experience to pro-  
vide this support."

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cation date. The advertising department can be reached at (662)  
328-2427.*

# Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of  
the opportunity to walk, run,  
bike or horseback ride along  
Columbus AFB's Timberlane  
Nature Trail. Along the trail,  
various wetlands, trees and  
countless wildlife can be found.  
To reach the recreational area,  
follow Independence Ave. to the  
runway area. Signs found along-  
side the dirt road toward SAC  
Lake offer direction to the begin-  
ning of the trails. For more infor-  
mation, call 434-7958



<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
27 VPP assessment visit (April 27-May 1)	28 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m.	29 Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.	30 Enlisted Promotions	1 09-09 Assignment Night  Major promotion party @ Club  Market Street Festival, down- town, (May 1-2)	2/3  Experienced Rider Course @ SAC Alert
4 FTAC (May 4-8)	5 Major Gen. Feest visit (May 5-7)  BCC reception for Major Gen Feest @ 6 p.m.	6	7	8 AFSA Golf	9/10  Auto Cross (May 9-10) Scholarship Dinner @ Club (May 9) Daedalians Golf Tournament, 12 p.m. (May 9) Mother's Day (May 10)

### Long Term Events

May 12 - Newcomers Briefing  
May 13 - Class 10-02 Track Select

May 14 - Asian Pacific Heritage Lunch  
May 19 - Class 10-09 Pilot Partner Welcome

## Racquetball Ladder Tournament



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The CAFB Fitness Center recently completed its Second Annual  
Racquetball Ladder Tournament. Twenty-one participants began lad-  
der play on Dec. 1, 2008. By Feb. 27, the top six players qualified for  
the double elimination Championship Tournament. They were Bob  
Penar, John Robertson, Agustin Carreras, J.W. Hawthorne, 1st Lt. Paul  
Holtrith, and 2nd Lt. Matt Douglass. The championship match was  
played April 13th. Congratulations to Bob Penar for winning first place  
and a \$60 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods. Second place and  
a \$40 gift certificate went to John Robertson. And Agustin Carreras fin-  
ished third, winning a \$20 gift certificate.

## Sports Shorts

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin  
classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio  
kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics  
is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness  
Center at 434-2772.

**Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11  
a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday  
from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with  
black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

## Don't Drink and Drive





T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 09-08 earns silver wings



2nd Lt. Shawn E. Bailey  
Logansport, IN  
KC-135, Grissom ARB, IN



2nd Lt. Albert B. Bond  
St. Louis, MO  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, NJ



2nd Lt. Robert C. Butler  
Lynchburg, TN  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, NE

Twenty-five officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker is former prisoner-of-war Lt. Col. Richard “Gene” Smith, retired.

Students receive their silver pilot’s wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lt. Dustin Hardwick, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Joshua Dove, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander’s Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Michael Koob, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Bobby Scott, T-1.

The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant’s Hardwick and Dove were named the distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss.

Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

tion flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners.

Class’s 09-08 pilot partners is Bart Wise, Trustmark Bank, and Melissa Cook, Columbus-Lowndes Development Link.



2nd Lt. Zach A. Glaser  
New Roads, LA  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, KS



2nd Lt. Dustin R. Hardwick  
Crystal Lake, IL  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC



2nd Lt. Duane M. Harrigan  
Country Club Hills, IL  
KC-135, Selfridge ANGB, MI



2nd Lt. Bryan C. Machen  
Mobile, AL  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, FL



2nd Lt. Daniel W. Quinlan  
Richmond, VA  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, NE



2nd Lt. Christopher M. Ross  
Ocala, FL  
UAS, Creech AFB, NV



2nd Lt. Bobby R. Scott  
Powell, TN  
C-17, Hickam AFB, HI



2nd Lt. Philip E. Stewart  
Naples, FL  
C-21, Scott AFB, IL



2nd Lt. Daiki Tanaka  
Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan  
F-2 or F-15, Hamamatsu AB, Shizuoka



2nd Lt. Keith D. Vandagriff  
Germantown, TN  
T-6, Columbus AFB, MS



2nd Lt. Jeffrey D. West  
Telford, PA  
C-17, Charleston AFB, SC



1st Lt. Khadim Diagne  
Dakar, Senegal  
Casa 235/Fokker F-27, Dakar GOAA, Senegal



1st Lt. Fabian F. Martinez Malaga  
Lima, Peru  
Aermacchi MB-339/A37B, La Joya-Arequipa, Peru